

HOLY PRAYERS



21 Days *of*
Spiritual Formation
in Holiness

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Holy Prayers

This collection of prayers is an experiment in holiness. Try it for yourself. Give the next twenty one days to a pursuit of holiness. These prayers follow Bible passages that focus on various aspects of holiness. The prayers that are written here personalize these scriptures and affirm their truths. These are reflective prayers, in that they re-state the Bible truths and make them personal. “Be ye holy,” wrote the inspired apostle Peter to the dispersed church, recapturing God’s instructions to His people when He said to Israel, “Be ye holy, for I am holy” (1Peter 1:15,16; Lev. 11:44,45). All of God’s people are to be holy. Is that possible in these days? Paul the Apostle was inspired in his day to admonish the church to “live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:12b). Both of these writers were urging God’s people to holiness, setting them apart from the corrupt world around them. From this we may safely conclude that it is possible for us to be holy, even in our day, and in our time. Beyond this conclusion, however, is the personal question that follows: can I be holy?

Here is the experiment: read the Bible passage carefully. As you read, say “Amen” to the truth. Then read silently through the prayer. You will see how the prayer agrees with the scripture. As you read, evaluate each statement. Do you agree with it? Do you affirm it? If you do, then you are ready to make your statement. Now read the prayer, aloud, as your own prayer. Make a good confession. “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10).

Hearts are purified by faith (Acts 15:9), so it is important that each Christian applies faith to God’s promises regarding holiness.

It may come as a great relief to struggling Christians to realize that holiness is really possible for them, in this present world, now. That is because it is God who sanctifies, and willingly does so. “Faithful is he who calleth you, who also will do it” (1 Thes. 5:24). With such a great promise, you can rest in the fact that as you rely on God’s word, He will do what He guaranteed. Trust Him!



**“For God hath not called us unto
uncleanness, but unto holiness”
(1 Thessalonians 3:7).**



Day 1

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Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Reflective Prayer

Oh, Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth and the seas, I acknowledge that I am a very small part of your great creation. Yet you know me and have made a way for me to stand in your holy presence. I can only come to you if I have clean hands and a pure heart. You, who are great enough to create the universe, can make me clean and pure. Oh, Savior of mankind, I need you to cleanse my hands. In my past, I have done things that made my hands unclean and made me unworthy to come close to you. Lord Jesus, you went to the cross so that I could be forgiven. I am trusting in your forgiveness because Christ died for my sins. You took all my sins to the cross. All my sins were nailed there with you. Oh, crucified Savior, you suffered for me. Your blood was shed for me. You were abandoned for me. It was for all my sins that you suffered. For putting my ways ahead of you, for putting things in

your rightful place, for taking your name in vain, for misusing your holy Sabbath day, I have offended you and made your death on the cross necessary for me to be forgiven.

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I have wronged others, which is also why you died for me. For being disrespectful to my parents, for hating other people, for looking at others with lust, for stealing what belongs to others, for telling things which were not true, for coveting what is not rightfully mine, I have caused you to die on the cross. But you have promised that if I confess my sins, you are faithful and just to forgive. I am trusting in your forgiveness. By faith I receive this blessing from your gracious hand.

Christ of the cross, you have also promised to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I am trusting you for that cleansing. I need you to give me a pure heart. I was born with a selfish heart. My natural bent has been to satisfy my own desires and wishes. My own understanding has been tainted with thinking more of myself than others or even of you. Lord Jesus, I need you to purify my heart.

Cleanse me from thinking of myself more highly than I ought to think, from too much emphasis on outward appearance, from desire for worldly acclaim. Cleanse me from any defilement of my spirit, from wrong motives or thoughts, from compromise with sensual images or imaginations. Purify me from a wrong desire for money or possessions. Send your Holy Spirit to indwell me and help me to focus on things above, not on things of this earth. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. By faith I receive the blessing of cleansing because of your grace which was purchased for me by your blood on Calvary's cross.

Heavenly Father, I lift up empty hands to receive righteousness from you, for you are the God of my salvation. With gratitude, I take your gifts as my own. Thank you for hearing my prayer which I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Day 2

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1 Thessalonians 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Reflective Prayer

Living Lord, giver of life, I live because I stand in you. In you I live and move and have my being. You are my life. I thank you for giving me physical life. My life is yours, and therefore my body is yours. I thank you also for giving me spiritual life. I trust you for the life you give me beyond what I see, or even what I feel. I claim your promise to give me more abundant life, where my spirit is alive because of your indwelling presence. Oh, Lord, you are the solid rock on which I stand. I sometimes tremble, with faith that needs to be strengthened, but thank you for being my firm foundation which is unshakable. Lord, I pray that my faith would be perfected. You know where I am lacking. You know my weakness-

es. You know when I am fainthearted. I ask for that faith which produces an increase in love for others.

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Lord of love, give me more of the love that covers a multitude of sins, and that is more concerned for the welfare of others than of me. Help me to be willing to cover the transgressions of others instead of repeating them. Give me the kind of love that is reflected in how I speak, that makes my words gracious. Take away unkind words from my mouth by filling my heart with kindness toward others. Take from my heart the selfish focus that gets in the way of loving others. Cleanse me from a desire for man's acclaim, but rather help me to show appreciation to those who in so many ways serve me. Give me the love which draws me ever closer to the Christian family, your church. Give me an increasing love for people that don't know you. Free me from a spiteful attitude to those who may persecute me. Give me the love that passes knowledge. Thank you for bringing people to me who have shown me your love. Fill me with the love of Christ.

Holy Father, make my heart holy. Wash my heart of any uncleanness. Cleanse me from the defilement of selfishness. Purify me from that which is unlovely and unholy. Perfect that which is lacking in my faith that keeps me from increasing in love. Make my heart firmly established in holiness.

Lord of truth, I believe that what you have promised you will accomplish. I have asked and I believe that I receive this great grace of holiness, for you said ask, and ye shall receive. I receive these gracious gifts of a perfected faith and increasing love, by

faith. Thank you for giving me this grace to make my heart holy.
This I pray in the holy name of Jesus, Amen.

Day 3

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1 Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Reflective Prayer

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit into the fellowship of those who are sanctified by God the Father in Jesus Christ. I commit myself to a life that pleases you. Christ of the Cross, crucify my old self, renew me in the inner man, and raise me up to follow your commandments. By your grace I will follow your holy commandments. Lord Jesus, remake me as the potter remakes a vessel that has been marred in his hands. I am yours, set apart and cleansed by the blood of Christ unto a life of moral purity. I commit myself

to be honorable in relationship with all people, men and women. By faith I rely on your grace to keep me from the passions that are forbidden by your word, to avoid the strange woman, to keep from lustful men, to keep myself pure in every relationship, to keep my mind and imagination from any evil, to abstain from sexual immorality.

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I pray that as I follow holiness, I will abstain from every appearance of evil. Keep me from compromising situations. Warn me by your Spirit of those who could entice me into evil. Help me to be sensitive to the danger of a man touching a woman. I agree with your word that “it is good for a man not to touch a woman.” Remind me that “knowing to do good and doing it not” is sin. Keep me from those close encounters which are either physical, emotional, or spiritual, which could lead to compromise. Keep me from vile affections which are unnatural, and cultivate in me the affections and commitments that make marriage what you planned in the beginning when you made one man for one woman.

God of grace, place a guard on me to keep me from stepping over the limits of what is proper. Help me to keep from words or phrases that cause others to think sensual thoughts. Help me to dress in a modest way so that I do not tempt others. Help me to act in a way that my conduct will be a testimony of holiness.

Lord, I commit to you the keeping of my soul. I am persuaded that you will keep what I have committed unto you. Make me a clean, holy vessel of honor for God. This is your will, even my sanctification. I commit myself completely to you so that Jesus will be honored in my thoughts, words, and deeds.

Lord God, I respond to your call to follow holiness. I trust in your promise to make me clean. I believe in you, now, as my sanctifier. Thank you for cleansing me. This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my savior, Amen.

Day 4

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John 17:9 *I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*

10 *And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them...*

15 *I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*

16 *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

17 *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

18 *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

19 *And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*

20 *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*

Reflective Prayer

Oh, Lord Jesus, thank you that I belong to you, and that you are not ashamed to call me your own. I pray that you will truly be glorified in me. Blessed Savior, you are acquainted with the temptations of men. You know what kind of evil world we live in. Thank you for praying for me that I would be holy. Separate me from the evil that is in the world. Give me that inner principle of godly fear that abhors sin and that is pained at sin's nearness. Father God, it is your will that I am in this world at this present time. You have ordained that I live now, under these conditions. While I am in this present world,

keep me from the evil that is in the world. Oh God of glory, please be in all my thoughts. Deliver me from an ungodly mindset that thinks mainly of earthly things. Keep me from the iniquity of making decisions without seeking your divine will. Guide my decisions about money, so that I serve you and not riches.

Holy Father, deliver me from worldly lusts. I belong to you, not to the world. Keep me from the lust of the flesh. Control my appetites, so that I am moderate in all things. Do not let me be deceived by the allure of food or of drink. Help me to be in control of my desires, instead of being controlled by them. Keep me from the lust of the eyes. Don't allow me to dwell on images or realities that damage my inner being. In time of strong temptation, keep me looking straight ahead, and not to the lustful sights that are so prominent in the world. Deliver me from the pride of life. May I think soberly about myself, thanking you for what you have given me, and always acknowledging my dependence on you.

Sanctify me through your truth, the word of God. Open my eyes to see the wonders of your holy word. I commit my mind to be controlled by your word. Set me apart for you and for your service. Make me clean by your blood. Make me holy, a living sacrifice unto you.

Lord Jesus, thank you that when you prayed for your disciples you included me in that prayer. Heavenly Father, I trust you now for my sanctification. Thank you for the present, perfect cleansing I now experience through your blood. Thank you that I am clean through the word that you have spoken.

For the grace of this great salvation which you purchased with your own blood, I give you praise and honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 5

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Reflective Prayer

Faithful Heavenly Father, I come to you again in prayer. I come because it is your will that I keep praying. I thank you in today's circumstance - whether I am happy or sad, prosperous or needy, strong or weak - I thank you that you have opened up the way for me to come to you. Help me to be sensitive to your Holy Spirit. Help me to fan the flame that you light in my heart. Oh, Lord God, giver of truth, don't allow me to become cold to your word when it is preached. Help me to consider what is said, and test its truthfulness. I commit myself to your truth, to accept it, apply it, and defend it. Holy God, keep me walking in the right way. Help me to avoid that which even appears to be evil. May my words, my thoughts, and my deeds, be clean. May I live in such a way that others do not question my walk with you.

God of peace, sanctify me through and through.

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Cleanse me from any defilement, and set me apart as your very own. I belong to you. Preserve my spirit, so that I am in a clear relationship with you. Make me sensitive to your Holy Spirit, so that I continue instant in prayer throughout my day. Live your life in me. Attend to my soul, so that I do not give in to the fleshly lusts that war against my soul. Give me the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, the oil of joy for mourning. Guard my body, so that my eyes look at what is good and pure, and avoid the unclean and evil, so that my ears listen to good reports that uplift my soul, so that my hands do works of kindness and grace, and so that my feet walk in ways that are worthy to be followed by those who come after me.

Oh, Lord, sanctifier of men, preserve me in this life, so that I am prepared for the life to come. Make me holy now so that I will have an abundant entrance into God's holy heaven when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back for his own.

Faithful savior, I trust you to do according to your promise, to sanctify me through and through - body, soul, and spirit. Thank you for your grace that is freely promised to me as I trust you with an obedient heart.



Day 6

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Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Reflective Prayer

Heavenly Father, God of mercy, I come before you with nothing to offer but myself. I do not have gifts to bring, for the earth and everything in it already belongs to you. So I come with the only thing I can offer, and that is to give you this body of mine as a living sacrifice to you. Lord Jesus, I present to you my hands, to do works of kindness and compassion, to build up and not to tear down, to preserve life and help the fallen. I give you my eyes, to see the multitudes as you see them, and to pray as you asked me to pray, for laborers to be sent into your harvest. As I pray for you to send others to labor, open my eyes to see my place of service, but close them to the worldly attractions that would lure me from your path. I present to you my feet, to run in the way of your commandment, to carry glad tidings to those who are lost, hungry, and thirsty. Keep me walking on the straight and narrow way that leads

to life. I present to you my ears, to hear what you say and to obey. Make them keen to your still small voice which tells me in which way I am to walk. I present to you my lips, so that I will only say words that are true, kind, and helpful, and that will bring praise to your name. Keep me from all evil speaking, so that my words are always gracious.

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Christ of the Cross, I sacrifice myself for you. I say with the apostle that I am crucified with Christ. My life is yours. Live your life through me. Use my eyes to see as you see. Use my ears to hear as you hear. Use my hands as your hands, and my feet as your feet. Don't let me take back this sacrifice – neither for convenience, nor for the acceptance of the world. Don't let me use the world as my example, but mold me into your image. May I be transformed by your grace as you re-make my mind from earthly thinking to reflect the mind of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Giver of gifts, everything that I am as a believer is from you. I have nothing to boast in but in Christ and his cross. When you bless me with knowing your will, remind me that it is because you opened my eyes. When I have opportunities to serve, remind me that it is you who has opened the door. When I sense your blessing, don't let me take any credit. Yet, do not allow me to avoid ministry, or service, or blessing because of false humility.

May I do everything as unto you, and may you receive all the honor and glory and blessing, through Jesus Christ my Lord, Amen.

Day 7

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Heb. 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Reflective Prayer

Holy Father in heaven, I call on you, not from strength, but from weakness. I lift my weak hands to you. I come with bowed knees, seeking your righteous paths. Even in my weakness, I look for your direction and for your help. For my damaged emotions, I look for your healing touch. Make me whole in my spirit. Do not allow any abuse I have suffered in my past cause me to wander from the highway of holiness. Heal me so that I may continue to follow you. Oh, Lord, I want to see you. Keep me from contention and strife with others, so that my vision of you is not clouded by unforgiveness and bitterness. I offer forgiveness to those who have

been my enemies. I offer peace to the contentious, and reconciliation to the offending. I yield my rights to keep a record of wrongs others have done to me. I yield my mind to follow the mind of Christ, so when others revile me, I do not revile them; when others inflict pain on me, I do not make them suffer. I take up my cross, to crucify my own self and my own rights, and trust you to raise me up in your time according to your will. By your grace, I drop the sword of contention, and replace it with the olive branch of peace.

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Lord Jesus, I follow you. I follow your sinless example. I am committed to following that holiness which enables me to see you. I may not have already attained, but I follow after. I follow after your will, and your truth, and your enabling grace. I follow you, for you are my wisdom, my righteousness, my sanctification, and my redemption. I renounce all unholy thoughts and unholy tempers. I follow the way of unselfish love.

Holy Spirit, be my Guide. Help me to diligently walk in your truth. Be my Counselor. Give me your wisdom to apply your word. Be my Comforter. I commit to you my cares and my uncertain future. Replace my anxiety with prayerful trust.

Lord, please keep me from coming short of your grace. Don't allow me to nurse anger in my heart. Don't let a root of bitterness spring up in me. May I replace bitterness with forgiveness, and anger with patient kindness. Protect me from selling my soul for fornication. Warn me of any danger from the strange woman or the aggressive man. Put a guard on my mind to keep me from thinking compromising thoughts. Protect me from selling my eternal des-

tiny to other profane, unholy actions. Don't let me sell my soul for a mess of porridge.

Lord God, I receive the blessing of your holiness in me by faith, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 8

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2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Reflective Prayer

Lord God, Holy Father, you have invited me to come to you, away from the unrighteousness of the world, away from darkness, away from the evil one, and away from those who follow his deceptive ways. From all of these, I come to thee. Thank you that you have come to me and that you dwell in me.

Lord of truth, I commit myself to only you; not to any false gods of this world, not to any idols made with men's hands, but only to you, the One true God. I reserve my spirit, my soul, and my body to be your temple, and yours alone. I join with others, who also worship you alone. Thank you for the promise to live in us, and to walk with us, to be our God, and that you call us your people.

Lord, as I come to you, I come out from those who do not belong to you. I come as one of your very own. I come to separate myself unto you, not to go out of the world, but to come away from all that is evil in the world. By your grace I come away from the

lust of the flesh. By your grace I avert my gaze from the lust of the eyes. By your grace, I humble myself and renounce the pride of life.

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Lord God, I come away from every unclean thing because you have promised to receive me. You have promised to include me in those you call your sons and daughters. Thank you for the assurance of acceptance, that I am part of that family that are called the children of God Almighty.

Lord, how small I am compared with your awesome greatness and holiness. Yet you include me as part of your family! Thank you, Heavenly Father.

Oh God, I turn from all filthiness of the flesh. I turn from that which harms my body. I turn from the defilement of my eyes by images that would compromise a holy heart. I turn from hearing words or music that compromise a humble and quiet spirit, which you highly value. I turn from the kind of eating or drinking that isn't done for your glory, and from taking other things into my body that which keep me from being self-controlled. Spirit of God, my body is where you dwell. By your grace, I commit to make it a clean temple.

Lord, I turn from anything that would harm my spirit
- from selfish pride in appearance or performance, from bitterness over past wrongs, from anger that is foolish, from worry that destroys faith, from anxious thoughts.

Lord, I commit my flesh and spirit to you, to be clean, so that I will truly perfect holiness in the fear of God. I pray this in the holy name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Day 9

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Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Reflective Prayer

Heavenly Father, I bow in humble spirit to seek you and all that you promised to believers. I need thee every hour. I need to experience for myself what Jesus said when he breathed on his disciples, “receive ye the Holy Ghost.” Immerse me, baptize me, with your Spirit. I welcome your kingdom, and pray, as Jesus taught, thy kingdom come. What time you will set up your earthly reign is in the Father’s hands. But I welcome your rule and holy presence in my heart today. May the fresh power of the Spirit come upon me. Lord Jesus, baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Give me a burning heart, filled with the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

Empower me with the Spirit of God. Give me power to overcome my weaknesses. Enable me to have victory over those emotions and thoughts that weigh me down. Cleanse me from self pity and from the snare of the fear of man. Free me from negative, anxious thoughts. I commit every part of my mind and heart to you, so that every thought is brought into the captivity of Christ. By faith I lay aside these weights. Lord Jesus, I lay aside the sin that so easily besets me. I look to you, for you are the author and finisher of my faith.

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Holy Spirit, I look to you, for you have the power I need to live a victorious life. Come upon me. Make me a witness to others of what God can do in a life. Give me boldness to speak your word. I pray that you will open my eyes to see the multitudes as you see them. I pray for compassion when I see people who are like sheep without a shepherd. I pray that you will open doors so that I have opportunity to speak your truths. I pray that you will open my mouth at the right time with the right words so that I can boldly proclaim your grace. Lord, make me wise to know when and how to speak, and to know when to be silent.

Lord, fill me with your Spirit so that I am a reflection of the grace of Christ. Break me so that I am crucified to self, sin and the world, and so that I only glorify you. Make me your witness.



Day 10

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Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Reflective Prayer

Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. May your holy kingdom come. Give me that one holy passion that marked the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. I unite my heart with others who are seeking your fullness. I pray that today I will be filled with that same Spirit that filled the house of those disciples who sought you. Breathe on me with that life giving breath of God that came on them as a rushing mighty wind. Oh God of glory, fill me, your dwelling place, with your divine presence. My heart is your home. Lord, who stands at the door and knocks, please enter as owner of this temple. Cleanse every room. Don't allow any closet to be closed to you. Show me what you see that needs to be changed. Mend the parts that are broken. Take any hardness from my heart. Make me tenderhearted to friends and family. Help me to consider their needs and feelings first, before I watch out for myself. Grant me love for my enemies, kind words to those who despise me, and forgiveness for those who have harmed me.

Lord, fill me with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Set me ablaze with love that conquers fear, compassion that reaches the poor and needy, and mercy that cares about the lost and dying. May the flame of truth consume me, so that I have no hint of compromise with evil.

Spirit of God, give me utterance to speak as I ought to speak. By your grace I commit to speak the truth in love. Grant me the words to say, so that I bring the gospel of peace wherever I go. Help me to warn the rebellious and comfort the fainthearted. Give me wisdom to know when to reprove, and when to encourage, and open my mouth to speak life giving words. May I restore the erring with the spirit of meekness, considering myself, lest I also be tempted.

By your power working in me, I commit to stand in the evil day, and to help others save themselves from this perverse generation. Lord Jesus, conform me to your image. Make me meek and lowly in spirit. Make me a peacemaker. Make me a comforter to those that mourn. Help me to extend mercy to all. Make me pure. I reject the world and the pressure to conform to its pattern of pride, selfishness, turmoil, envy, and strife.

Fill me with the Spirit of Christ, so that I may help others to come to know Him as Lord Savior. With thanksgiving, Amen.



Day 11

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Acts 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Reflective Prayer

Father God, thank you for the gospel, the good news that your Son, Jesus of Nazareth, died for my sins. I believe the gospel. I believe in Jesus as my savior. I believe that all my sins were nailed to his cross and that I am free from the power of sin. I thank you for those who spoke the word which produced faith in me. Thank you for their faithful witness in preaching the truth to me. Thank you that the Holy Spirit worked in my heart to confirm the truth so that I could believe.

Lord, I thank you that I am one of your children. My past is different from other believers, yet you have accepted me along with them. You have adopted me into your family and given me the hope of heaven.

Heavenly Father, you know my heart. You know all of my thoughts and my intentions. You know my dreams and aspirations, my ideas and imaginations. There is nothing about me that is hidden from your view. You know me altogether. My heart is yours

to inspect, to cleanse, to change. Inspect my heart. Show me what is there that is not conformed to the image of Christ. Show me any intention that is selfish. Reveal any deception or any thought that is not in harmony with you. Show me any motive that is not Christ like. Show me if there is any wicked way in me. Cleanse my heart, Oh God, from anything that is selfish or wicked. Change my heart, so that it is a copy of thine.

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Holy Spirit, come into my heart in your fullness. Purify my heart. I ask in faith. You purified the hearts of the early believers by faith. They trusted your promise of the Spirit. They believed and were filled. They believed and their hearts were purified. Your word says that you are not a respecter of persons. You put no difference between me and them. I trust you to purify my heart. I believe your promise that says “ask and ye shall receive.” I believe that you “give the Holy Ghost to them that ask.” I believe your promise to fill me with your Spirit. I believe that you, now, are my wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Oh God, I thank you for the word of your grace that builds me up in this most holy faith. I thank you that by your word I have an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. I thank you that I am on that highway of holiness that grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day when I will enter, with all the saints who have gone before, that perfect heaven where there will be no sin, no tempter, no pain and no death, and where I shall ever be with the Lord Jesus, in whose name I pray, Amen.

Day 12

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1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Reflective Prayer

Oh, God of love and peace, who gave your Son to lay down his life for me, I pray that I might have that love which makes my words more than empty noise. Help me to love with that unselfish love that lays down my rights, my will, my self, for others. Lord, I don't rely on clever speech to cover up unloving attitudes. I want to be open, walking in the light, not hiding dark secrets of sensuality or greed. I pray that my words exalt Jesus and lower myself. God of truth and light, keep me from being a hypocritical preacher of your gospel, telling others how to live but failing myself. Help me to have the kind of love that practices the reality of Christ's presence at all times. Don't allow me to let spiritual exercises be an excuse for any sin. I will not cover any ungodly spirit by study or intellectual answers. I will not allow myself to speak evil of others, or manipulate others for my benefit, and excuse these evils by claiming spiritual insight. Give me the grace of real love.

Lord Jesus, don't let me rely on results as evidence of your grace. I do not depend on mountains moving, or multitudes of people affirming me, or growth of my influence, to indicate that my heart is right. I acknowledge that unless your love flows through me I am nothing, even if others think me a success.

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Holy Lord, don't allow me to profess faith while secretly holding grudges and thinking evil of others. Let me not think I am anything in your kingdom if I am not loving you with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and also loving my neighbor as myself. Do not let me be deceived by thinking that benevolence to the poor gives me license to despise the rich or powerful. Help me to practice that love that is no respecter of persons.

Lord God, who became poor that many could be rich, don't let me give of my goods to the poor to try to buy your favor. If I gave everything I own, it is not enough to deserve your grace. I come with empty hands, realizing that what you are looking for is that "faith, which worketh by love." My religious forms are nothing if I am not trusting in your grace.

So I come with my heart turned to only you and your mercy, trusting that you will fill me with the love of Christ, of Jesus, Amen.



Day 13

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1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Reflective Prayer

Oh God of Heaven, your loving kindness is better than life. By loving kindness you preserve me, and your truth upholds me. Thank you for drawing me to you with cords of love. I praise you that your love is abundantly bestowed upon me by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, let your love flow through me to others. As you have loved me, enable me to love those around me. Give me that patient love that operates when my own patience is exhausted. Help me to be kind to others in everything that I do. If I must reprimand, may it be with kindness. When I instruct others, give me gracious words. When I warn, may I speak the truth in love. Holy Lord, give me love that is free from envy. Help me to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those that weep. Sweep from my heart any residue of self exaltation, but let me see others as better than myself. Help me to defer to others, so that I encourage them

in their service. And when I serve, do not allow me to promote myself or inwardly become proud.

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Oh, God, give me love that guides my conduct. Keep me from acting in any way that detracts from the character of Jesus. Don't let me be rude or tasteless, but rather give me a meek and quiet spirit. Don't allow me to descend to the use of coarse words or actions for momentary applause. May my words be gracious and my actions blameless, so that those who are opposed have nothing to say. Help me to be self-controlled and not given over to exasperation or irritation. Help me to keep no record of wrongs I have suffered, but rather forgive, so that I can continue to love others and not be bitter against them.

Give me love that controls my reactions, so that I never rejoice in any unrighteousness, but always rejoice in truth. Give me a sensitivity to know the difference between good and evil, and help me to always side with the good.

Fill me with love that protects others, and that “covers a multitude of sins.” Give me love that believes the best about them and hopes that they are acting from pure motives. And give me love that endures even in great trials and disappointments.

Faithful Father, give me love that does not fail. Your unfailing love has captured my heart and keeps me. Your grace and mercy is my hope. Help me to extend that same kind of love to others. Beyond preaching and speaking and great understanding, is this divine love, which never fails.

I trust you for giving me the grace of divine love by the faith of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in whose name I pray, with thanksgiving, Amen.

Day 14

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1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Reflective Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, you know all things. There is nothing hidden from you. You know about me. You know my heart. You know my thoughts afar off. I acknowledge that my own knowledge is so limited. I truly know so little. I have blind spots. I don't even really know my own heart. What I know is what you have showed me by your revelation. I need you to show me the way that I should go, for it is not in me to choose my own way. Please open my eyes that I might see the wondrous things in your word. Light my pathway by your truth. Guide my heart by your Holy Spirit. Lead me on through this life to that completeness that is reserved for all of your children. Lord, give me wisdom to discern between good and evil. Help me to move beyond childish misunderstandings. Help me to exercise the spiritual senses you have given me. May I apply your word to everything, and reject that which is false. Give me an

understanding heart that is wise in all the situations I face. Help me to see the good and embrace it. Give me the love of Christ so that I support those things that are noble, truthful, and virtuous. Give me wisdom from above to reject that which is wrong, deceptive, and sinful. Lord, I don't lean on my own understanding – it is limited and faulty. I rely on your word, your Spirit, and your precepts to guide me.

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Lord, I need you to light my way, because my own vision is not clear. I see through a glass darkly. Take my hand in your mighty hand and lead me in paths of righteousness. Keep me from the traps of the enemy that are so well hidden. Protect me from things I do not know. I believe that you are able to keep me from falling. I trust you, Lord, with my steps and with my future. By faith I take the narrow way that leads to life – the way of Christ and Christ alone. Be my vision when I cannot see clearly. Be my strength when I am weak. Be my Guide, Counselor, and Comforter. Lord, I hope in thee.

Above all things, Lord, give me love – that charity which never fails, which thinks first of others, which represents the heart of God. It is not important that I understand everything here on earth, but it is important that I love in all circumstances. Fill me with the love that is better than faith and hope, so that on that day when that which is perfect is come, I will see you face to face with a perfect heart, to be ever in your holy presence. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Day 15

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Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Reflective Prayer

Lord God, I humbly bow before you. You are the Holy One in the midst of your people. How can I come into your awesome presence? When I ponder how mighty and majestic you are, who am I that you would even consider me? Yet you have called me to come to you. You have invited me to pray. You have given me reason to hope. Lord Jesus, my hope is in you. Your grace has brought me salvation. You have purchased my redemption. By faith I've been to the cross, and found that my sins were nailed there with you. I've found that the blood of Jesus cleanses me from all sin. I've found that I am no longer defiled by bitterness of unforgiveness and the bondage of sin. My hope continues to be in the sure foundation of your blood and righteousness. Father in heaven, I commit that by your abundant daily grace I will obey you. Every day, with new circumstances, new challenges, new temptations, I trust you to help me in every part of my life to be holy. The old life is no longer my model. In ignorance I followed the lusts of the flesh, the

lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. But you have called me away from that forever. I commit myself to following the pattern you lay out for me, to be like Jesus.

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Lord you have called me, not to uncleanness, but to holiness, because you are holy. There is no sin, no injustice, no darkness in you. You are light, and the light of the world. You are love, and you have given me mercy because of your loving kindness. You are gracious, and have given me grace to be holy in all of my conduct.

Lord, I ask for your grace to make me holy in my thoughts. Help me to bring every thought into the captivity of Christ, so that I think those thoughts that are shaped by your truth. Give me strength to reject thoughts that do not reflect your word or your holiness. Give me grace to make my words holy, so that they would be always with grace and minister to whoever hears what I say. Give me grace so that my deeds are holy. I reject every unholy way. I embrace your righteousness.

Lord, today, help me to be holy, so that when I finally come into your holy presence where faith will become sight, and where all things will become new, I will be able to worship with the faultless saints of the ages, and with clean hands and a pure heart forever exalt the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord, Amen.

Day 16

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Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Reflective Prayer

Oh Jesus, Savior of the world, who came down from heaven and in humility took on the form of men, help me in my humanity to realize your coming was for those who were lost, including me. You came and suffered death on my behalf. When you died for all, you died for me. You tasted death. But in your death, you showed victory. You overcame sin and the world. I thank you that because you overcame, I, too, can overcome. I glorify and honor you for you are worthy. Lord Jesus, all things belong to you, because all things are your creations. It is to your glory that your work of salvation is bringing many to you. They are coming from the north, the south, the east, and the west. All the suffering that you endured – the mocking the spitting, the beating, the thorns, the nails, the

spear – are bearing the fruit of many coming to your glory in salvation. Thank you that I am part of that host of believers that have been saved and are now part of your great family.

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Holy Lord, you are the sanctifier and your sanctification has reached me, along with others who also have this inheritance. We are your family, born of your Spirit, cleansed from all unrighteousness, and one in Christ. Thank you that you call us brothers. Thank you that you are not ashamed of us, that you own us as your own, and that you think about us with fondness. I praise you, Lord Jesus, for knowing me, loving me, and confessing before the Heavenly Father that I am one of yours. I praise you. I praise you among your people, the glorious church which is without spot or wrinkle, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Christ of God, I put my trust in you. You have done all that is necessary to save me from sin, death, and hell. You have done all that is necessary to cleanse me from my own selfish will and desires, and to conform my will to yours. You have cleansed me by your blood, and I am clean through the word which you have spoken unto me.

Lord, how can I comprehend that God has given me to you? How can I comprehend that I am yours, a special person called out of the world, taken from the kingdom of Satan and brought into the holy kingdom of God? But I am, and have that blessed hope that one day I will be brought with joy into your holy presence, through the name and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in whose name I pray, Amen.

Day 17

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Heb. 2:1415 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Reflective Prayer

Father in Heaven, you know how I am put together, that I was formed from the dust of the earth. I am flesh and blood with all its limitations, difficulties, temptations, and mortality. Thank you that you sent Jesus to come in the flesh, and become like I am, and go before me to know suffering and experience death. I need not fear that crossing, since Jesus already went before, and conquered death and the devil. Lord, you know that the devil works in the realm of death. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He comes with fear, intimidation, and lies. He comes in darkness and doubt. He comes to trap, to enslave, and to paralyze. But you came to destroy him. Lord Jesus, I praise you from my heart that you died to defeat the devil. I praise you that “it is finished,” and the devil is destroyed. You have taken the power the devil had over me from him.

Mighty God, thank you that through Jesus' death and resurrection you have delivered me from fear. I do not fear death because you rose again and give me the living hope of the resurrection. I do not fear being overcome by sin, the flesh, or the devil because you have given me the victory by faith, which overcomes the world. I thank you for the wonderful freedom in Jesus, that the bondage of the devil is broken and I am free to follow you and trust you with all my life. I am yours, Oh, Lord, and I thank you that you identified with me in my humanity, and died for my sins, so that by faith I can be part of your great people – the church of Christ.

Lord Jesus, you could have come as an angel, and showed great glory and awe to mankind. But you came as a baby, as a child of a young woman, helpless in your humanity, dependent in your infancy, and part of the line of Abraham, the father of faith. Thank you that I can be part of that same line by trusting in you. I believe God, and God's word. I submit to God's ways, trust his promises. And I trust you to help me in my need.

Lord, you know what it is to feel weak. I am weak, and need your strength. You know what it is to be tempted. I am often tried, and need your aid in those temptations. Thank you that you know what it feels like to be human, and that when I am struggling you identify me and give me help. Thank you that you were tempted in all points like I am, yet you never sinned. I commit myself to you to make a way for me to escape, and keep me from falling. I ask this by your grace and through the name of Jesus, Amen.

Day 18

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Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Reflective Prayer

Blessed Jesus, Christ of the cross, by faith I look to your great grace of sanctification. Thank you that you suffered for me on Calvary's cross. Thank you for shedding your blood for me so that I can be clean. By faith I see that cleansing stream, that fountain filled with blood, that cleansing wave. Praise the Lord, it cleanses me.

Jesus, thank you that your blood sanctifies me. I cannot sanctify myself. No work of righteousness of my own can cleanse me. No commitment of mine can make me holy. No religious rite can make me pure. I am helpless without your grace. So I look to your shed blood and to your promise to make me clean from the defilement of all sin. Jesus, I come to thee. Away from my self-efforts at goodness, away from trust in rites or ceremonies, away from trust in vows of piety or self-denial, away from trust in my humility, I come to you for your grace alone. Only you can sanctify me. Only you can cleanse me from all sin.

Lord, by faith I enter the fountain that lies open for sin and uncleanness, to make me pure and set apart for you.

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Thank you for this wonderful grace, grace that cleanses, that sets me apart for you, that clothes me in righteousness.

As I go forth, may the world see Jesus in me. Let me not be ashamed in any way to carry the cross, to live righteously, to be an example of Christ to this sinful world. Lord, I live for you, not for this world. I do not look for the favor of the world. When the world tries to squeeze me into its mold, let me bear the reproach of Christ. When others forsake me for the love of this present world, keep my eyes on you. I look for your smile of approval. I want to see your face turned toward me. I look for the heavenly rewards that are eternal, not the earthly things that are fleeting. Lord, keep my eyes on that heavenly city.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to offer me this great salvation. I praise you with my heart. I praise you with the fruit of my lips. I praise you, lifting up holy hands, for you are worthy. I praise you, for you are holy. I praise you for your goodness. I praise you continually. I praise you with my whole heart. I praise you for the glory of your grace, which has kept me and which will lead me to heaven where I will eternally praise you, through Jesus Christ, Amen.



Day 19

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1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Reflective Prayer

God of love, and heavenly Father, how great you are. You have created the heaven and earth and the seas, and all that is therein, by your word. You uphold all things by your power. You, through Christ the Son, hold all things together. When I consider that you are high, above the heavens, and that your thoughts are high above my thoughts, I am amazed at your love, that you would call me your child. Lord, that I can know you, and you stoop down to know me, is knowledge too wonderful for me. It is out of the realm of man's wisdom and understanding. The world doesn't know anything about this. They don't know you and they don't know it is possible to know you. Dear Father, thank you that I am loved. Jesus loves me. What that has done for me is transforming. You have changed me by your love. Thank you that I am not what I used to be. Thank you that I am accepted in the beloved. Thank you that you are still working on me, and are doing it out of your great love, lifting me up, changing me from glory to glory, conforming me to

the image of Christ. Lord, I do not know what you will do with me or what you will make of me, but I know that one day I will be like you, for I will see you, in all of your glory.

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Lord Jesus, I have seen you through the eyes of faith, as you have been revealed to me by your word, and through the church, which is the house of God. I have seen your mercies revealed, and your forgiveness extended, and your self-sacrifice, and your humility, and how you laid down your life. But one day, that faith will become sight, and I will see you clearly, in all of your glory. I will see you as you are, riding a white horse in triumph, faithful and true, and acknowledged as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Holy God, I have this hope because of Jesus' blood and righteousness. Because of your grace, I turn from that which is impure. I turn from that which is ungodly and unholy. I turn my eyes from objects or images that are defiling. I turn my ears from sounds that are compromising, and from the evil whisperings of the devil. I separate myself from the things that displease you.

Lord, you are pure, and I want to be pure, so that when you come for your own, I will join that number who have an abundant entrance into the holy presence of God, name I pray with thanksgiving, Amen.

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Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Reflective Prayer

Lord Jesus, living vine in whom is life, I live in you. I live by the faith of Christ. I trust you to bear your fruit in me. Without you, I can do nothing. Without your strength, I am nothing but weakness. Without your aid, I am helpless. But you, Lord, are my strength, my help, and my life. Spirit of God, may your love flow through me today, even to my enemies, so that I may be perfect, even as the Father in heaven is perfect. I trust today in your holy presence, where there is fullness of joy, and that the joy of the Lord will be my strength. Let the peace of God, which is beyond my understanding, rule in my heart, so that as much as depends on me I live peaceably with all men. Holy Spirit, fill me with that patient endurance with all men, for you have shown your long-suffering toward me in bringing me to repentance. May I be gentle, showing meekness to everyone, reflecting the meekness and gentleness of Christ. Give me uprightness of heart, which is the outflow of the riches of the Father's goodness. Blessed Spirit of Christ, make me faithful, following your example as the faithful witness. Help me to show all meekness to all men, not speaking any evil, nor being

contentious, but showing enduring love. Be the control in my life, so that I am temperate in all things.

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Father, whether in freedom or bondage, whether in plenty or want, in good times or evil times, in whatever season, I desire the fruit of your Holy Spirit. May your fruit increase and abound in me so that I bear much fruit, and the fruit remains.

Lord, I know that the flesh wars against the spirit. By your power in me, I crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts. By your grace, I will take up my cross daily. I die to selfishness, evil tempers, and pride. I lay down my rights, and yield them to you. I trust you to raise me up in holiness. I am yours, body, soul, and spirit. Live in my body and control my members. Give me your personality, and reflect Jesus to the world that I live in. Fill my spirit with your Holy Spirit. I know that the fruit of the Spirit is not something I can bear on my own. I must live in you, and you must make me alive, so that I walk, not in the flesh, but in the Spirit.

For this blessing of the Spirit-filled life, I give you praise in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.



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Ephesians 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.
20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Heavenly Father, I bow before you and acknowledge that you are creator of all things. It is with a humble heart that I realize that you have placed me into your great family, which includes all the saints of God who are living, and those who have already gone on to heaven. By the Spirit's strength, work mightily in me. I draw on the resources of heaven, and receive the wonderful riches of your glory. Christ of God, live in my heart. I trust only in your grace that has taught me to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and has taught me to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present

world. Establish me in love that is tied neither to performance of religious forms and rituals, nor to the absence of religious forms and rituals. I enter into the dimensions of your love – a love that extends to all people, that goes on and on, that reaches deeper than the stain of sin has gone, and that brings me up to heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in company with all the saints of all ages.

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Lord Jesus, I am so grateful that you love me with a love that is beyond my intelligence. I thank you that you loved me enough to go to the cross for me, that you died in my place to save me from my sins and sanctify me in your own blood.

Oh, Lord of all, I thank you that I may be filled with all the fullness of God. It is beyond anything I could ask or think, but your fullness in me is your will for me. Come, Holy Spirit, in your fullness. Come in strength. Come in purity. Come in grace. Do in me what is your will, filling me with perfect love.

Oh, Sanctifier of hearts, I consecrate myself as yours and yours alone. My heart is yours. You are the Ruler in my life. By faith I claim you, Lord Jesus, as my wisdom, my righteousness, my sanctification, and my redemption.

Lord, I humbly bow before your cross, entering into all that grace has purchased for me. I rise to follow you and your holiness in this present world, following the path of the just that grows brighter and brighter unto that perfect day where I will glorify you with the church through Jesus Christ, forever and ever, Amen.

